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#### 4-H CLUB WORK IN 1932

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A radio talk by C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension Work, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to be delivered in the 4-H club period of the National Farm and Home Hour, Saturday, November 5, 1932, over a network of 37 associate NBC radio stations.

Boys and girls and friends of 4-H club work:

I am delighted to join with you today in celebrating this anniversary of 4-H club achievement. You have all listened with joy and pride in the last half hour to the stirring and very human stories of what club boys and girls in your own State have accomplished. It is an inspiration to hear such stories, to know that you 4-H boys and girls are carrying on in such persistent and undaunted fashion. It gives courage to us who are working with you to face our difficulties and overcome them. This is a time when courage, the spirit to carry on, is more needed than any other one thing. Your achievements of the year have demonstrated your willingness to carry through to a finish the things to which you have dedicated not only your hands, but your heads and your hearts.

I would like to help you to realize what your achievements mean to the Nation in this trying time. To have 900,000 boys and girls earnestly, persistently, and unflinching seeking to do those things that will help them and their fathers and mothers, brothers, and sisters in preserving family life and in making the family income go as far as possible in meeting the family's needs - that to my mind is the most helpful influence possible in the present situation. Nearly a million boys and girls facing the coming year with courage and hope, and with the satisfaction that comes from work well done - that is the picture that you 4-H club members give to the Nation. We who are listening in today - your fathers and mothers, your local leaders, your friends and neighbors, and the men and women who represent the cooperative extension service of the State agricultural colleges and the U. S. Department of Agriculture of which 4-H club work is a part - may well take heart and courage from your example. We are proud of you and of our connection with you in 4-H club work.

Achievement day is particularly fitting as a 4-H club celebration because every loyal 4-H club member must achieve something of recognized value in the home or on the farm. When a boy or girl joins a 4-H club he takes this achievement as his goal. Anyone who has worked hard, with intelligence, patience and courage through the long months from seed time to harvest, has earned undisputed right to satisfaction in his achievement. So, today, we are proud of your work in 1932. On hundreds of thousands of farms and in every State of the Union you have demonstrated how in the face of low prices crops and livestock may be grown at low cost and with some measure of profit. From your gardens and your poultry flocks have come fresh vegetables and eggs and poultry as your contribution to the family living and the maintenance of family wealth.

4-H club members have filled the pantry shelves in thousands of farm homes with the winter's store of food. Club girls have stocked the home wardrobes with garments made in workmanlike manner. Farm homes the country over have been made more comfortable and efficient by the thoughtful effort of the 4-H club members who share them. These and like achievements you have written down in your record books for 1932 with well earned satisfaction.

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These visible things you have done are not your only achievements of the year. The good workman takes pride in knowing how to use his tools efficiently. Tractors, combines, hay loaders, and milking machines are not the only tools on the modern farm. Neither are washing machines, vacuum cleaners, electric lights, and running water the only tools of the housewife. Facts, today, are just as much the tools and equipment of the farmer and the farm woman as these other more visible things. One of the great achievements of farmers and farm women in the past quarter of a century has been their success in putting new facts to work for them. 4-H club members, too, put facts to work. As you have proceeded in your clubs this year, you have learned to use facts skillfully and intelligently. You know what facts that apply to the farm and the home can be obtained from your State agricultural college and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which together provide you with a great fact-finding machine. You know that the way to get hold of these facts is through your county extension agent. When you are faced with new problems you know that probably facts may be had that will help you. You get these facts and use them. You know that today it takes all the resources you can muster to do a first class job at farming or homemaking and that facts are part of your resources. You have acquired the ability to put this resource to work in a practical way. You know better now how to do any job because you know now that any facts bearing on that job must be a part of your equipment for doing it efficiently. This in itself is an achievement.

It is an achievement, also to have acquired the habit of looking for progress in the way things are done. This is one reason why I believe the 4-H clubs are such an important feature in agricultural education. They not only help young people to learn better farming and homemaking methods, but they help them to acquire the habit of expecting improvements on even these better methods - to strive to "make the best better."

There is still another achievement that is not called by this term in your record books. I believe it to be more important to you and to the nation and at the same time more difficult to accomplish than most other achievements of 4-H club work. I mean the habit of thinking as a group and acting as a group. We call it the ability to cooperate. Let me illustrate. A club member attends a meeting of his club at least once each month. He learns to bring his problems to the club and learns about those of his fellow members as the extension agent or local club leader discusses each problem and how it may be met. He takes responsibility for something the club wishes done, collecting record books, arranging for the club exhibit at the fair, for the club tour. He may serve his club as an officer. He learns to carry his share of responsibility, he learns that some things can be accomplished more easily by the boys and girls when they each do some definite part of the whole job. He learns to cooperate.

As we stand in the bright light of your year's achievement, I think it well that in our pride and satisfaction with the work you have done we give some thought to those who have helped us to reach our goal and improve the measure of our ability to go forward with new enterprises and new endeavors. First, there are your fathers and mothers, whose sympathy and encouragement have made it possible for you to continue and to succeed in your club work. There is no greater influence for progress and betterment in the life of the boy and girl than that of the interested and sympathetic father and mother. Your happiness and success are their first concern. Next, I would pay tribute to the generous effort and guidance that 70,000 men and women serving as local leaders of 4-H clubs have

given to bring about the highest possible achievement on your part. The only reward these leaders will get is your thanks and appreciation. This I know you will give them in full measure. I think I may rightly mention, too, the extension workers of the State agricultural colleges and of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is their privilege and their duty to work with you. Whatever you achieve, they in a large sense, also achieve. They seek to bring to you the facts you need to do in a better way the practical everyday things about the farm and home that make so much for pride and satisfaction in rural life. I am happy to join them today in expressing to you 4-H boys and girls of the Nation our appreciation of the willingness, the persistence, and the loyalty you have displayed in reaching your goals for 1932.



